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***GOVERNOR AWARDS TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG SCIENTISTS***  
***Students to Represent Arizona At First NGA Science Fair***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today announced two young Arizona scientists, Annette Mendivil and Erin Eppard, will receive tuition scholarships to any of Arizona's three universities. The two students were also selected to present their projects at the first National Governors Association (NGA) Science Fair.

Annette Mendivil, an incoming senior at Casa Grande Union High School, will display her project, "Utilizing Science to Promote Sustainable Economic Development in Our Tribal Community: Protein Metabolism in Tilapia Fish for Optimal Growth," at the science fair. Erin Eppard, an incoming senior at Thunderbird High School in Phoenix, will present "Operator Injury Mitigation Using Electronic Sensing, Mechanical Braking & Decoupling Devices in Handheld Circular Saws."

"Annette and Erin used their scientific knowledge and created projects that can improve our everyday living and working conditions," Governor Napolitano said. "Science isn't just for astronauts and doctors – employers will increasingly need workers in every field who are skilled at math and science."

The science fair will be held August 5-6 in Charleston, South Carolina and will focus on math, science and technology – the areas schools across America must improve in to ensure students are ready for advanced education and the workforce. At the fair, 13 students from six states and Puerto Rico will have the opportunity to display their work.

Intel Corporation selected the two students to represent Arizona, and is covering their travel and lodging expenses. Intel has also provided strong support for increasing student proficiency in math and science through the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, in which Mendivil and Eppard participated.